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1.5)

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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.
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TITLE OF INVENTION

EXPANDABLE BEADS OF STYRENE-MODIFIED LINEAR LOW-DENSITY POLYETHYLENE-BASED RESIN, PRODUCTION METHOD THEREFOR, PRE-EXPANDED BEADS AND EXPANDED MOLDED ARTICLE

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information.

1. This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. This is an express request to promptly begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (23) indicated below.
4. The US has been elected (PCT Article 31).
5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))
 - a. is attached hereto.
 - b. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d) (4).
7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
 - a. are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. have not been made and will not be made.
8. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. .371(c)(4)).

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10. An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

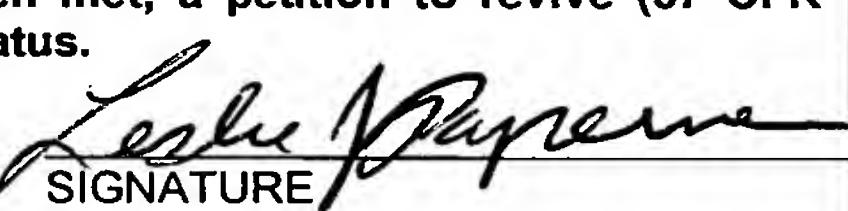
Items 11 to 22 below concern other document(s) or information included:

11. Assignee: SEKISUI PLASTICS CO., LTD. of Osaka, Japan
12. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
13. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
14. A FIRST preliminary amendment.
 - A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
15. An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76.
16. A substitute specification.
17. A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
18. Figure of Drawing to be published:
19. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825.
20. A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d) (4).
21. A second copy of the English language translation of the international of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d) (4).
22. Other items or information:

Copy of the International Application as published in Japanese-Cover sheet - 1 page -36 pages.
PCT/ISA/210-International Search Report-in English and Japanese.
PCT/RO/101-PCT Request-in Japanese
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				CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY
23 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted: Basic national fee.....				\$300.00	
24 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination Fee If International preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33 (1)-(4)..... 100.00 All other situations..... 200.00				\$200.00	
25 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a) (2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority..... 100.00 International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office..... 400.00 All other situations..... 500.00				\$400.00	
TOTAL 23, 24 and 25 =				\$900.00	
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Claims	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate		
Total Claims	9 - 20 =	0	x \$50.00	\$ 0	
Independent Claims	2 - 3 =	0	x \$200.00	\$ 0	
Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)				+ \$360.00	\$ 0
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$900.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by ½ .				\$ 0	
				SUBTOTAL =	\$900.00
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (i)).				\$ 0	
Extension of Time fee in the amount of \$				\$ 0	
				TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =	\$900.00
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				\$ 40.00	
				TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =	\$940.00
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